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1. On the morning of 21 August 1951, two Soviet light cruisers and four destroyers were observed at anchor in the roadstead of Hel military port. About 9 a.m. these ships left the port and joined Polish ships which had arrived from Oksywie. They then carried out maneuvers together, with firing practice at towed targets, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This exercise was repeated at 11 p.m.
2. On 22 August 1951, after dusk, naval landing exercises took place on Hel Peninsula. The ships mentioned above took part in this exercise, and gave curtain fire to the minesweepers and motor boats, while these vessels moved toward the dunes between Jurata and Hel lighthouse on the north-east part of the peninsula. The ships' artillery fired illuminating shells.
3. At nightfall on 27 August, firing practice took place in Puck Bay. Firing of rocket shells was directed towards the open sea.
4. During the night of 30 August 1951, bursts of artillery firing were heard in the open sea. At the same time, isolated artillery shots were fired in Puck Bay. A coast artillery battery at Hel was firing that night. Five guns were firing; three of them from the vicinity of Hel Lighthouse and two from a site nearer Jurata, north-west of the lighthouse. Presumably the caliber of these guns was 105 mm.
5. On 1 September, all-day exercises of the Polish naval flotilla took place in Puck Bay. There was no firing practice.

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